(6) Extension of the Vempallithodu to the paddy fields on the west of Kanakari.

(7) Opening of the Valianapuzha bund or adopting other measures to prevent the destruction of crops by floods.

(8) Construction of a bund in the Pennar thodu to prevent the inrush of brackish water into the Kypuzha punja lands.

(9) Conversion, into a cart road, of the village road from Kudamalur to Mannanam, now maintained by the Public Works Department.

(10) Construction of roads from Mannanam to the Kypuzha Pallikadavu and from Kozha to Thalayolaparampu.

(11) Improvement of the roads from Ettumanur to Perurpuzha, from Ettumanur to Arumanur, from Ettumanur to Punnathura Sugar Manufactory, and from Palachirakadavu to Thottuva.

(12) Award of Government aid to the Punnathura Sugar Manufactory.

(13) Opening of a technical institute n the taluk.

(14) Construction of a buildi for the higher grade elementary school at Kaduthuruthi.

(15) O[illegible]ning of a lower grade elementary school in the building handed over to the G[illegible]ernment by the people of Memmary.

(16) Construction of the building sanctioned for the English school at Ettumanur.

The Member then said that the Athirampuzha market was situated on Kottuviruthi lands granted for services in the temple. He suggested that either the Government should register those lands in the names of the present occupants on payment of vilayartham or that the site should be sold in auction.

He also prayed that the revenue jurisdiction of the Elakad pakuthi should be transferred to Ettumanur taluk.

Dewan's reply.—Noted. The question of transferring the Elakad pakuthi to Ettumanur will be re-considered.

147. Desirability of partitioning the Chengannur taluk into two taluks, with Pathanamthitta as the headquarters of one of them.

Mr. A. Aiyappan Pillai (Member, Chengannur taluk) said that the headquarters of the Chengannur taluk was fixed at Chengannur on the western border of the taluk at a time when the eastern portion was uninhabited. Recently, the eastern portion had grown in importance and had become largely peopled. The people of the eastern pakuthies now found it difficult to travel a distance of 25 to 30 miles to go to the headquarters. Further, there was a large area for puduval registry in the eastern pakuthies. The supervision of the Tahsildar in the matter could not be expected to be effective, to the great detriment of the revenue. When the Tahsildar visited the eastern pakuthies, he took a long time to return and his Devaswom and other work at headquarters greatly suffered. In those circumstances, and considering the unwieldy extent of the taluk at present, the Member said that it was desirable, in the interests of the people and of the Government, to partition the taluk into two taluks with Pathanamthitta as the headquarters of one of them. He understood that the Peishkar had reported favourably on the representation on the same subject brought up at the tenth session of the Assembly but that the question was since dropped by Government.

Dewan's reply.—In my recent tour through the eastern pakuthies of the Chengannur taluk, it struck me that the inhabitants of the eastern pakuthies had real difficulties in going to the headquarters of the taluk and that the request of the people to divide the taluk into two was reasonable. Though the partition could not be immediately effected, it may have to be done sooner or later. The matter will receive consideration.

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